

On November 21, 2006, the government of Seven Party Alliance signed a historical Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), with the Maoists bringing an end to 11 years of armed insurgency. Both parties have provided a timeline and commitment to hold Constituent Assembly elections by mid-June 2007.



On January 23, 2007, voter registration teams began deploying to the 75 districts throughout the country to begin the voter registration process which is to last approximately two weeks.

Late in the evening on January 22, 2007, OTI/Nepal received an urgent request from the Election Commission for the procurement of essential equipment for the voter registration process. On January 25, within 24 hours of signing an activity agreement with the Election Commission, OTI/Nepal locally procured and delivered 50 low-range printers and 85 toner cartridges while placing an order for the remaining equipment with an international vendor for delivery within two weeks. The printers and UPS provided by OTI, combined with the computers donated by the Danish Embassy, will ensure each District Level headquarters has a complete set of the basic equipment needed to update the voter rolls. The equipment will be utilized for the printing of the voter rolls in the districts allowing the voter roll verification process to commence immediately after voter registration is completed. A legitimate and timely voter registration process is critical to moving the peace process forward in a positive direction.

OTI is also supporting the Election Commission's nationwide public service announcements during the voter registration period on radio and television. OTI/Nepal will continue to work closely with the Election Commission and coordinate with other donors in order to improve the chances of a successful voter registration campaign and timely Constituent Assembly election.